

# Arrow Lakes Hospital Emergency Department Redevelopment Project Update

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## Interior Health releases Invitation to Bid on general contract

NAKUSP – Interior Health (IH) is pleased to announce that an Invitation to Bid has been released for a general contractor to oversee construction for the redevelopment of the emergency department (ED) at Arrow Lakes Hospital.

Detailed design of the important upgrades to the hospital was done by Nelson-based Cover Architecture Collaborative Inc.

Highlights of the project will include a dedicated triage area; two new trauma bays; renovated patient exam bays to improve privacy; new utility rooms; and an enclosed multi-purpose meeting room near the ED for family consultations or waiting space for family during trauma situations.

IH anticipates awarding this contract and construction to start this spring. It will take approximately one year to complete the ED redevelopment from the start of construction. Work will take place in phases to ensure ongoing care is provided at the site. IH expects project completion in 2020.

The project is being funded through the Ministry of Health and the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District (WKBRHD).

The Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation and the Arrow Lakes Health Care Auxiliary Society are exploring opportunities to support these important enhancements to the ED.

The scope of the project was determined through an initial planning and assessment phase funded by the WKBRHD, which included direct input from the hospital staff and physicians.